



The TURNTABLE



Dec 2011-Jan 2012

NEWSLETTER FOR THE PAID & VOLUNTEER STAFF OF RAILTOWN 1897 STATE HISTORIC PARK

Upcoming Events

December 17 & 18

Santa Trains

December 18

Railtown Holiday Party
5:30pm at the Sr Center on Greenley Road.
Potluck and white elephant gift exchange

January 21

Annual volunteer Recognition dinner – invitations will be sent in late December to volunteers who have contributed 84 hours

January 28

All-Hands meeting
Jamestown Community Hall 9am-1pm

February 11

New Volunteer Open House & Orientation
9am-4pm

See page 2 for important training dates in 2012



The Fat City Four

Barbershop Quartet will be our musical guests at our volunteer recognition dinner



Superintendent's Message

I don't know about you, but I'm still on Cloud 9, as a result of our amazing Thanksgiving weekend success! I feel so proud to be a part of such a dedicated, creative, professional, public-service oriented crew of folks. Not only did our Starlight trains sell out this year, but we had a full house most of the weekend, and some great media as well. The trains ran like clockwork, the hot chocolate service was efficient and delicious, the lights all worked and the decorations were outstanding. But the best part was really the deluxe service provided to all of our visitors. Everyone was made to feel very special, and they'll be back! Thank you to everyone who had a part in this great weekend.

In other news, budget-induced service reductions have begun rolling out, statewide. At Railtown, this means that beginning in January, we'll be closed every Tuesday & Wednesday, and workdays will be moved to Fridays. Also, don't forget that the last workday of the year is Tuesday, December 13th. Volunteer workdays will resume on Friday, January 6th.

Given the budget situation, I'm sure that we will be facing lots of changes and new challenges in 2012, but I feel confident that our team of dedicated and innovative paid and volunteer staff will find a way to take the challenges in stride, and keep the trains rolling.

Keep Calm and Carry On!

Upcoming Volunteer Dates 2012

January 21st	Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner– invitations to follow
January 28th	All-Hands Meeting 9-1 Jamestown Hall
February 4th	New Volunteer Open House , plus <i>Roundhouse Work & Play Day</i> (We'll pull out lots of the equipment, do some clean up, invite the public to watch, and have some fun! Rain cancels. More to come)
February 11th	New Volunteer Orientation 9-4 @ Jamestown Hall
February 18th	Telling the Railtown Story 10-3
February 19th	GCOR Study Hall 12-4 @ Jamestown Hall
February 25th	Telling the Railtown Story 10-3
March 3rd	Engine Crew Training 8-4 @ Jamestown Hall
March 4th	Engine Crew Training 8-Noon @ Railtown Noon-4 @ Jamestown Hall
March 10th	Telling the Railtown Story 10-3
March 17th	Telling the Railtown Story 10-3

In Memory

Long time former volunteer John Harmon Jr. passed away on November 21st at the age of 94. Everyone knew him affectionately as 'Gunny', his nickname from being a Former gunnery sergeant in the United States Marines, in WW2.

From Jim Mullin's Sisters Joan & Jean

"Dear Friends, Thank you so very much for your kindness during our time of great sorrow. We also thank you for being concerned about Jim's welfare and calling the Sheriff. Jim loved Railtown and all the people there. He spoke of you often"



All I want for Christmas..... Lisa Smithson, Curator

Do you remember the many VHS tapes in the old volunteer library? Well, they are still here and unfortunately are fast becoming ever more of an obsolete format. The collection itself is good. Many of the titles are fascinating and range from documentary to fiction. If you have DVDs of movies shot here at Railtown 1897, or other rail related items in DVD format, we are more than happy to accept them for library use. Your donations of DVDs will be appreciated by everyone.

You Are Invited to our annual Railtown Holiday Party

You simply must attend! It's been quite a year for the park. Come and enjoy some fun and Christmas cheer with fellow volunteers and staff on Sunday, December 18th, starting at 5:30pm at the Senior Center, 540 Greenley Road. Join in the fun with our wacky white elephant gift exchange. Bring a funny, strange or unusual gift (\$10 or \$15 limit). This is also a pot luck and Laverne is suggesting those whose last name starts with the letters A-L bring Hors d'oeuvre's. Those with the letters M-Z should bring a salad or side dish. Turkey & Ham will be provided. If you are volunteering that day, bring something easy and don't worry about it! See you there!





George Sapp



Jason Smith



Warren Smith



Craig Konklin



Tom Bispo



Stephanie Tadlock



Kevin Zimmerman



David Tadlock



Michael Bispo



Joe Siemons

*To All Our Train Crew Volunteers & Staff
We Thank You for a job well done in 2011 !*



Rich Davila



Tommy Johnson



Ron Konklin



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Sam Cook



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